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Mayor Hussey, Bill Ivey, Learohn Caldwell and Walter Free work the Kiwanis Club Pancake Festival. (See page 5)

Major aid cuts urged

by BILL BOWEN
Staff Reporter

The Reagan administration has proposed severe cuts in financial aid to college students that would end aid to three million students nationwide. At LSUS about 185 students would lose or receive less aid according to LSUS Director of Student Financial Aid, Edgar L. Chase.

These proposals, if implemented, will rescind funds already in the 1987-88 fiscal year budget. The administration proposes further cuts for FY 1988-89 including deep reductions in Pell Grant funding which would reduce or eliminate awards to 50 percent of the current LSUS Pell Grant recipients (250 LSUS students will lose about \$250,000

in grant assistance).

Other administration cuts include: (1) a new formula for assessing discretionary income for Pell Grant will make it more difficult for students to qualify; (2) replacing campus based and State Student Incentive Grant programs with the Income Contingent Loan which will benefit less than one third of the students now aided by the other programs; and (3) reduction in government subsidies to lending institutions for the Guaranteed Student Loan making it less profitable and possibly causing many lenders to get out of the program.

At present about 550 LSUS students receive about \$100,000 in the GSL program.

On the positive side, according to Chase, the administration has

proposed shifting some of the savings in the GSL program to fund a shortfall in the Pell Grant program. But unless Congress acts to approve this reprogramming of funds before April 1, an additional 50 students here will lose all or some of their Pell Grant aid.

Critics of the proposed cuts say the impact on enrollment alone will be devastating to colleges and universities around the country.

Perhaps the most immediate impact at LSUS would be the elimination of the College Work-Study program which employs about 90 students at LSUS on a part-time basis. This would cut the equivalent of 16 full-time positions that the university will be unable to replace during the current state budget crisis.

Alumni drive raises \$15,000

by DOREEN LAFAUCI
Managing Editor

The LSUS Alumni Association has announced its first annual fund drive — The Manpower Scholarship Campaign.

The campaign, with a set goal of \$50,000, is the first of its kind for LSUS and the Alumni Association.

Doug Rimmer, chairman of Mindpower, said the scholarship campaign began as the result of a

speech last year by Preston Friedley, president of the Alumni Board. Friedley asked that each alumnus give \$10 to a general scholarship fund.

This proposal was then challenged by Chancellor Grady Bogue.

"Dr. Bogue doesn't forget," Rimmer said. "He challenged us to raise \$50,000 saying we could and should do it. In November we decided. It's a high goal but we

voted to go after it."

Thus far the campaign has

consisted of mass mailouts and a

phonathon, but has already raised

over \$15,000.

Phyllis Graham, director of the

Alumni Association, said per-

sonal letters asking for donations

have been sent to over 4,500 LSUS

alumni with additional letters

sent to various community

Study shows dorms popular

by DOREEN LAFAUCI
Managing Editor

A survey measuring the interest of LSUS freshman and sophomore students in dormitory-style housing indicates 50 percent, of those surveyed, support such a development.

The LSUS-sponsored survey received 852 responses, representing half of the 1,694 freshman and sophomore students enrolled at LSUS this spring. An analysis of the survey was compiled in report form and is now being made available to area businessmen and community leaders who may be interested in sponsoring privately built student housing.

LSUS is prohibited in its state charter from having on-campus housing, said Chancellor Grady Bogue, but he also said it is not unusual for private enterprises to sponsor and build student housing on private property, citing Baylor as an example.

"The purpose of the study was to provide market data of the possible demand for privately built student housing. We've done the market research and are giving it to area businessmen to see if there is an interest out there."

Bogue says if LSUS was provided with nearby dormitories, it could only boost student enrollment by drawing more students from the Ark-La-Tex region.

"It could draw more out-of-state and area students who want to get away from home without getting to far away from home," Bogue said. "A large number of students that indicated interest also indicated they had friends who would then come to LSUS."

And, although he does believe near-campus housing would increase enrollment here, Bogue said he does not see this possible development hurting the enrollment at Centenary, Northwestern, Northeast or LSU-Baton Rouge.

"I personally think it would increase the enrollment potential

at LSUS, but I don't feel it would necessarily result in an enrollment fluctuation at other colleges."

Bogue said he believed the survey confirmed what school officials thought the market desire was, adding all LSUS can do now is wait for response from the community.

"It (the survey) gave us a specific market expression, when before, all we had was supposition," Bogue said.

The survey consisted of a seven-item, one-page questionnaire administered to freshman and sophomore students in selected core curriculum classes at LSUS. A total of 406 students, about half of those surveyed, said they would "definitely" or "probably" want to live in a dorm-style housing development with kitchenette facilities.

This is a substantially stronger response than the 34 percent that indicated they would want to live in a such a facility with only a central dining hall.

The likely market for proposed dorm-style housing is dominated by 18-year-old male freshmen now living at home.

Forums planned

The Chancellor is scheduling three open forums for students. These will be held in the Caddo-Bossier Room of the UC on the following dates: Monday, April 6, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, April 7, 10:30 a.m.; and Wednesday, April 8 at noon.

The purpose of these forums will be to provide an opportunity for students to learn about the impact of recent budget cuts, to hear about some of the development options now being explored, and to elicit student ideas about ways to strengthen the University.

opinions

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Loopholes subvert booze law

Last December the state legislature finally voted to raise the drinking age to 21. The purpose of the law, which went into effect last Sunday, is to decrease the number of traffic accidents caused by teenaged drunk drivers.

But its purpose has been subverted by the many loopholes and exceptions that allow most 18-to 20-year olds to still drink.

Under the law, individuals with birthdates on or after October 1, 1967 cannot possess or consume alcoholic beverages in public establishments. Violators can be fined \$50. But 18-to 20-year olds can legally drink for "established religious purposes," if accompanied by a legal-age spouse, parent or legal guardian and if they drink in private residences or private clubs. And starting last Monday, many area bars turned into private clubs where for a few dollars membership is available.

The effects of such a watered-down law will be hardly noticeable except to police who have the unenviable task of enforcing it. Lt. Signey Claxton of the Shreveport Police Dept. echoed the sentiments of police across the state when he said Louisiana's new "21" Law will be "exceptionally hard to enforce."

City governments have the option of tightening the law at the local level. But, as was proved in Shreveport last week, most city governments will probably accept the state law — not because they're happy with it, but rather out of fear of losing revenues.

The Shreveport City Council voted down an amendment that would have raised the city's drinking age to 21 without the long list of exceptions tacked onto the state law. Opponents of the amendment argued that unless Bossier adopts a stricter local ordinance, Shreveport bars will see their liquor trade move across the river.

The city council proved that local governments are motivated by the same thing that motivated the state legislature to enact the law — money. The state was threatened with the loss of \$15 million in federal highway funds if the drinking age wasn't raised.

What has been forgotten in this rush to save money is the original purpose of the law — saving lives, not money.

The Almagest welcomes letters. They should be typewritten and double-spaced. Length should not exceed 300 words. Letters will be edited to delete obscenities and libelous statements.

Jackson candidacy fiasco for Democrats

by JACK WILLIAMS
Staff Reporter

In 1988 fifteen Southern states will hold presidential primaries on March 8. These 15 states represent more than half the delegates needed to secure the nomination. The move is an effort by Southern Democrats to increase the clout of the South in the selection process.

One drawback that exists is the possibility of a presidential campaign by Jesse Jackson. If he should decide to run, we believe that a Jesse Jackson candidacy would be injurious to the clout of blacks and damaging to the Democratic Party as well. I urge the Rev. Jackson not to run.

In 1984 Jackson did well in the South; he even won Louisiana. But what did blacks gain from this? Four more years of Ronald

Reagan. If Jackson runs in 1988 it can be presumed that he will receive the majority of the black vote, leaving the other Democratic candidates to divide the white voters. Thus, those traditionally more liberal black votes, which would have gone to a moderate-to-liberal white candidate, will go to Jackson instead.

Walter Mondale and Gary Hart both had outstanding civil rights credentials in Louisiana in 1984, but the black vote still went to Jackson. Many blacks urge Jackson to run as a symbolic candidate. But wiser blacks have urged him not to do so.

Michael Lomax, chairman of the Fulton County (Atlanta) Commission, says: "My question is, 'What ultimately are you trying to achieve?' I don't believe in 1988 a black person is going to be elected President of the United

States. I don't believe in 1988 a black person is going to be elected Vice President. If neither of these are achievable, what is the purpose of the candidacy? Even if it is to raise the issues, is it the best way to raise issues? . . . (In 1988) I want a pragmatic winner, not an idealistic loser."

Former Rep. Barbara Jordan, D-Tex., also recently urged Jackson to carefully consider the effects of his run for the presidency.

If the Rev. Jackson wishes to help blacks in 1988, he will stay away from the political arena and continue to preach and emphasize education as a way to overcome poverty and racism. These are the areas in which his oratorical skills are most effective. And that is where these skills should be used.

Can Reagan recover?

by RUSSELL HEDGES
Staff Reporter

On its March 9 cover, Time Magazine asks this question in regard to Ronald Reagan, "Can he recover?"

Can the president recover from the Iran-contra affair and the damning Tower Commission report that characterized him as an inept leader who didn't know or understand what his aides were up to?

One thing's for sure, the president now has a lot to overcome, especially in terms of credibility. It didn't help matters when Reagan gave three different versions of whether or not he approved the first Israeli arms shipment to Iran in 1985. First he said he did. Then he said he didn't, and finally he said he just couldn't remember.

Then, in his speech to the nation in the wake of the Tower Commission report, the president took "full responsibility" for the action of his aides. Still, there were too many unanswered questions, especially about the diversion of profits from arms sales to the contras fighting Marxism in Nicaragua.

If Reagan wants to again become the vigorous leader he was in his first term, he has to go

before the press and take whatever may come. Only then will he be able to put the affair behind him.

Then he must focus his attention in the last two years of his presidency on negotiating a nuclear arms reduction treaty with the Soviet Union. If this means putting his precious Star

Wars on the backburner, then so be it.

Finally, the president must drop his support of any kind of aide to the contras in Nicaragua. This will be the most difficult thing to do. But as long as contraind is still a big issue in the Reagan Administration, the Iran-contra affair will never die.

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opinions

Fires, lightning said to kill more than guns

Dear Editor:

When I read Jack William's "Handgun Restraints Needed" I felt that the article needed clarification. Jack is frightened to think of 60 million handguns in circulation. Why? According to the FBI's most recent 'Uniform Crime Reports,' there were fewer than 8,000 reported handgun-related murders in America in 1985, which is .00013 percent used in a murder.

Jack, we are more likely to die from a fall or drowning, a fire, poisoning, suffocation, surgery, or other weather-related disasters! According to Professor Gary Kleck at Florida State University in his article published in the journal 'Law and Contemporary Problems' (Winter, 1986), Americans LAWFULLY used handguns to prevent over 340,000 would-be crimes each year. With the number of accidental handgun deaths at only 600, one can see we

may have a problem with Williams' statement that handguns are the "primary tool of death in this country." — Really Jack!

Jack's concern over the Second Amendment wasn't quite accurate because "the right of the people" appears in the First and Fourth, as well as the Second Amendment concerning individual rights. NO Supreme Court decision has ever held that the rights of the people are collective. (Meaning that only the armies and National Guard have the right to bear arms.)

When Jack Williams looks at the fact that proliferation of handguns caused over one million gun deaths, he used 75 years (1900-75) of statistics! Did he attempt to compare the deaths to lightning? It is more!

Then he made the crowning statement, "We try to prevent deaths by drug overdoses by making drugs illegal." This is

great but unenforceable. We all know how successful the drug prevention campaign has been, unfortunately. Until we look at the root causes of a problem, we cannot cure the ills of society. If someone gets mad enough to kill, then they will find something whether it be a knife, a baseball bat, or a car. We'll have as much of a success writing laws prohibiting tornadoes.

I know this is an emotional subject; however, we must look at who is penalized, the criminal or the honest citizen. As one can expect, the criminal will get a gun if he needs one. Studies have shown that many jurisdictions with heavy restrictions have a significantly higher crime rate than compared to those without. Let's concern our energies to real problems such as chemical dependencies, education in Louisiana, or book banning in schools!

Craig Scallan

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This is in response to your March 13th editorial concerning the new math requirements being imposed on students at state universities. I disagree with Mr. Salvail's opinion that the requirements are "a grave mistake." I feel that the new requirements will not have an adverse effect on enrollment. Also, I don't think they are a "ridiculous" addition to the Liberal Arts program.

The new math requirements will have no effect on future enrollment. This is because any major university in any state already has similar, if not stricter, math requirements than Louisiana. While it may be true that some not so prestigious colleges do not require a strong math background, I prefer that Louisiana schools not be ranked among them. With our open admissions policy, any Louisiana high school graduate can enter the university regardless of GPA. Out-of-state schools are not so generous.

As to the argument that the math requirements have no relevance to a Liberal Arts student, Mr. Salvail should remember what is meant by the phrase "liberal arts." Its Latin meaning is: "knowledge befitting

a free man." Its roots are in the Renaissance, a time when knowledge of all things was the highest goal.

The question as to how Algebra will help a newspaper reporter, etc., are common complaints of any undergrad. Scratch an accounting student and you'll find someone who wonders just how Shakespeare is helping him get his CPA. The point is that education at the university level is not just learning a trade. As a university, LSUS is in the business of educating people, not cranking out specialists. Specialization is the domain of trade schools, vocational schools and graduate schools.

Robin Johnson

Dr. Reed

Dr. Rosetta Reed, assistant professor of business administration, is among 18 area business people named to the President's Council of Security National Bank.

The Council will serve in an advisory capacity to the bank's chief executive officer and will perform the functions of a "think tank" for new ideas and programs.

Math courses defended

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

I disagree completely with the opinion stated by Andy Salvail in the March 13 issue of the Almagest. I whole-heartedly approve the new math standard. There are many excellent reasons for setting the higher standard but I would like to deal with only three.

First and foremost, on a philosophical level, a university is not a trade school. The major purpose of a university is to provide a broad-based general education. College graduates should be able to read, write and speak their native language exceptionally well. They should have a broad corpus of general knowledge to use as a basis for future decision making, including but not limited to, knowledge of; the history, philosophy, culture, and development of their country and their world; the physical, biological, and chemical laws by which their very existence is ruled; the growth, developmental, psychological and spiritual processes by which they and all other human beings operate, and the arithmetical processes necessary to financial and personal survival. They should be able to think clearly, reason logically,

and apply their knowledge to the personal, social, political, economic, and vocational decisions they will make every day of their lives.

The last thing this university or its students need is for the students to be taking more courses which are "related to the student's field of study." College is not the time to narrow your world to the acquisition of job skills; it is the time to stretch your mind and your knowledge and your skills as far out into the universe as your own and your university's capacities will allow you to stretch.

Certainly all students have to face the practicalities of earning a living, and certainly they must consider what they can do after they have graduated, but success at any occupation is far more determined by how well the student achieved the above-stated educational goals than it is by what he or she learned about the specifics of a particular job.

Second, as one specific way of helping to achieve these goals, the more thinking systems in which we are fluent, the better we can think. Most of us, myself included, are fluent in only one symbolic system, our native

language. We are not knowledgeable in other linguistic systems, other languages, let alone being knowledgeable in other symbolic systems such as computer logic, visual symbol systems such as color and form, animal symbol systems, or mathematical symbol systems such as algebra, or the calculus. All these systems are useful, are needed for the performance of certain jobs, but much more importantly they are ways of looking at and thinking about the world. When we do not know these other symbolic systems, we cannot use them as tools of thought, and our lives are the lesser for our ignorance.

Third, as a practical matter, math is the language of science and technology. Without fluency in that language, all scientific and technological careers are closed. Students without math fluency cannot choose any scientific or technological career. Further, a society which produces too few scientifically and technologically competent graduates is inadequately equipped to survive in the modern world.

Anne Torrans, Ph.D.
Professor of Communications

Algebra a must for all students?

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news

Various methods used for catching cheaters

by MARK HEDGES
Staff Writer

Tennis shoes banned during tests and teachers sitting on top of their desks — that may be what it will take to stop academic cheating.

A majority of the students interviewed for this article said that they had witnessed some form of cheating during tests and some even admitted practicing this age-old problem. Writing cheat notes on tennis shoes is a tactic that some of the students admitted using.

To combat cheaters, will teachers at LSUS adopt the tactics used by one teacher at La. Tech, who would put his chair on his desk and sit up there while giving a test in an effort to catch cheaters in the act? Dr. B.E. Tabarlet, dean of the College of Education, remembers the antics of the history teacher.

"There wasn't any cheating in his class," Tabarlet said and chuckled.

Catching cheaters isn't easy. There is no honor code for students to report cheaters; it's left to the teachers, who many students say are lax in policing their rooms during a test.

One student said of a speech class, "I use note cards during the test because she (the teacher) never looks up." Other students said that teachers leaving the room during a test also contributed to the number of incidents of cheating.

Rogers Martin, a math instructor at LSUS, said, "Students who want to cheat are going to cheat, but we should make it hard for them to do so." Martin, who said he stays in class when giving a test, has never caught a student cheating. "I don't give them much of a chance to cheat."

"In 37 years of teaching I have found that the majority of cheating occurs outside the classroom by students sharing research and term papers," said Tabarlet.

Do honest students suffer when others cheat?

"Yes," says Gary McInnis, computer science major at LSUS, "if the test is graded on a curve and a cheater makes a high grade, then this can change the grading curve for the entire class."

What can be done to curb the cheating? Some students cite the need for an honor code that requires them to turn in students

they observe cheating. Others said teachers remaining alert when giving a test and a stricter policy regarding student workers handling tests would help alleviate the problem.

John Tabor, an English and Communications professor at LSUS, normally sits in the back of the room during a test, said that the one student he had caught cheating was guilty of plagiarism.

"The assignment the student turned in looked familiar and upon review I found I had read the same article four weeks before in the newspaper," he said. For cheating, Tabor gave the student an F on the assignment.

The use of student workers handling tests has also raised some concerns among students who have heard reports of student workers making copies of tests for themselves and for friends.

Tabarlet said his department tries to get student workers that are majoring in areas other than education since they often come in contact with tests that are being typed or correlated in the office where the student is working.

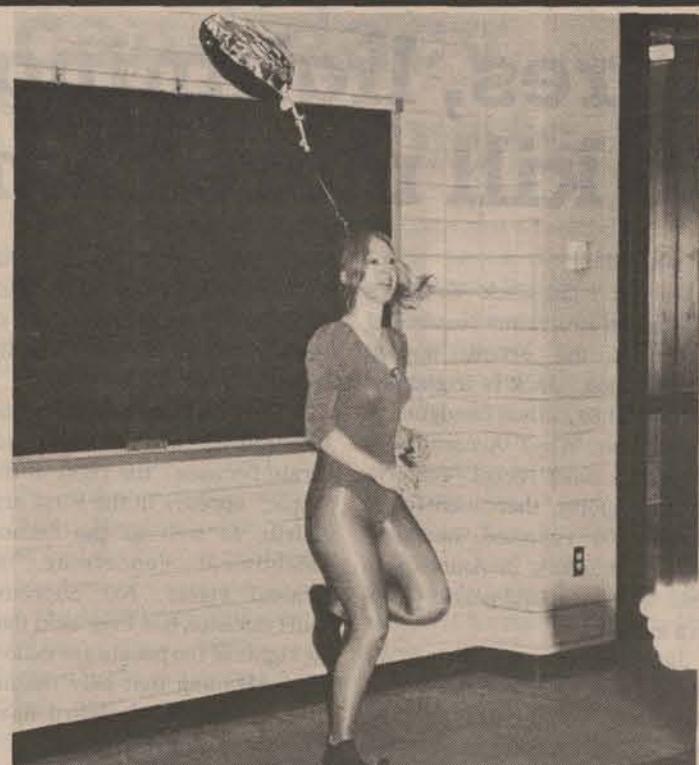


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Marilyn Vaz celebrates St. Patrick's Day.

Depression can strike at any age

by KATHY HOHMANN
Staff Writer

said Schober, "for example, a loss of job or money, a divorce, or other disappointment."

People in the over 60 age group have the highest rate of depression and men over 65 have the highest suicide rate. It is noticeably higher in men who have lost their spouses. The suicide rate in the 15-24 year age group has tripled in the last fifteen years, but the reason is unknown. If someone has attempted suicide he will usually try again.

Some people are genetically prone to depression, but depression is treatable. Usually anti-depressant drugs are prescribed along with psychotherapy. "It is important that the patient feel comfortable with his therapist," Schober emphasized.

Organize, fantasize to overcome problem of procrastination

by MATT FRAZIER
Staff Reporter

Remember this?

"Go do your homework!"

"But Mom, I've got to watch Gilligan's Island. I think they're supposed to be rescued this week."

What? That happened to you yesterday? Then you may be one of the many who have fallen into the evil clutches of . . . procrastination. Don't be ashamed or embarrassed because you are not alone. And, yes there is help.

Dr. Jeffery Ickes, director and assistant professor of Counseling Services, believes that part of the problem is the Western Philosophy of get it now—pay later. "We have a tendency towards long-term thinking," said Ickes. "If we know we have a week to accomplish something, then we will wait six days before we start."

Another problem, according to Ickes, is that when given a choice between doing that which is work, most of us choose the fun. In the battle between the heart and the mind, the heart usually wins out. The solution lies with what Ickes calls the developmental philosophy or simple organization.

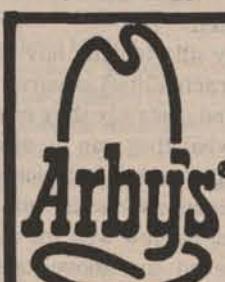
The first step in organization is to decide which things are most important for you to accomplish. Then organize them the best way they can be accomplished. After you have figured out what your goals are, and how you will achieve them, write it down. Studies have shown that if you write your schedule down you are 80 percent more likely to accomplish what you set out to do, because a schedule helps in both organizing and remembering objectives.

But there are some things that

simple organization can not overcome. Two examples of this would be procrastination due to fear of failure, or fear of success.

Still, according to Dr. Joseph Carlisle, associate professor of psychology, there are some things that can be generally used to help overcome these difficulties. With fear of success, one must gradually accustom himself to the idea of success. You can accomplish this by fantasy, in which you imagine yourself in a successful situation, or by making sure that your primary successes are small and gradually work your way up to where you wish to be.

With fear of failure you must again slowly accustom yourself to accepting tasks that are more and more difficult. This way you may slowly build up your confidence to the level that you wish it to be.



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Preparation key to job interview

by CHUCK FISHER
Contributing Writer

The job interview is often the most frustrating and delicate step in the employment process, for it is the step in the job search in which the applicant is evaluated as he showcases his qualifications and experience in a line of work.

"Preparation for the interview begins with homework," says Bill Stowe, director of placement at LSUS. "You should research the company where you are going. Learn everything you can about the organization prior to the interview; know its product or service, standing in the industry, number and kinds of jobs available and hiring policies."

Your interview may be long or short, formal or casual, warm or cold. Whatever its form or character, remember you are being evaluated. Dress appropriately, for the way in which you present yourself is essential to the image you build for the employer.

Be attentive. Let the employer control the interview. "Read the interviewer's body language," Stowe says, "listen to his questions and target your answers accordingly." For example, if he asks you to tell him what you know, what you have (your experience) that will be useful to

this job, focus on your experience that fits the job, the company's goals.

Draw on your research. If supervising and delegating responsibilities are important for this position, perhaps you can talk about your success in training and supervising new clerks at your summer job in a supermarket.

Be prepared to talk about salary should the interviewer introduce the subject. "Most employers expect the applicant to know the salary or salary scale for the type of work they are seeking," says Tom Livingston, manager of radio station KDAQ, "and it's usually not discussed." However, if the subject of salary is introduced and you are satisfied, you may reply that you understand that the salary is commensurate with the responsibilities and opportunities of the position.

Try to conclude the interview with some understanding as to where you stand. If the employer does not offer you a job or indicate when you will hear about it, ask when you may call to learn the decision. If the employer asks you to call or return for another interview, make a note of the time, date, and place. If the company cannot use you, ask about other employers who may need a person with your qualifications.

Software company wins national recognition

by KAYE HATCHER
Contributing Writer

What began as a mere "self improvement campaign" for computer science professor Carol Hall, has turned into a national selling software company — I.B. Magazette.

I.B. Magazette is a monthly magazine on disk. The product can be run on an IBM PC or an IBM PC compatible. It is divided into four major software categories; educational, recreational, home and business software categories; educational, recreational, home and business applications, and utilities. Every issue of I.B. Magazette has a section from each of these categories which usually constitutes eight to ten programs. This translates to approximately 60 printed magazine pages.

I.B. Magazette has been in business for five years now and reaches every continent except the Antarctica. Its staff includes Carol Hall as editor, Kim Ewoldsen (who is now teaching part-time in the computer science department) as technical editor, and Bill Wiener, Jr. as publisher.

Upper level LSUS computer science majors who, according to Mrs. Hall, "are essentially programming professionals," write the majority of the programs for I.B. Magazette. However, anyone can submit their program for possible publication. Many LSUS students have contributed items to be published.

To help keep the teacher out of the ivory tower, Carol Hall said that moonlighting can "serve as a way to keep a hand in what's going on."

Pancake Festival benefits Kiwanis

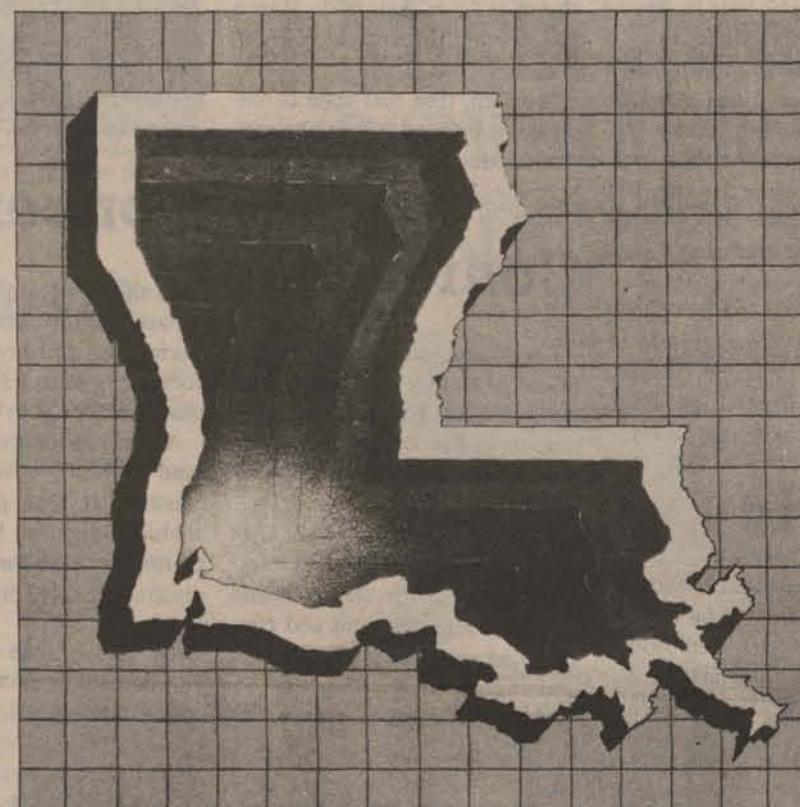
by BELVIA BROCK
Contributing Writer

People of all ages turned out Saturday to enjoy pancakes, sausage and fun as the Kiwanis Club hosted its 17th annual Pancake and Talent Festival at the Convention Center on the riverfront.

Local news people and civic personalities showed up to try their hand at flipping flapjacks. Among them were news anchors Dennis Bounds and Karin Adams of Channel 12, Sherri Waggoner of KTAL and Shreveport Mayor John Hussey.

LSUS PRSSA members helped out by serving coffee and welcoming people as they arrived.

The proceeds from the flapjack fest will go to sponsor the Kiwanis Camp Fund, various youth activities and other community service projects.



INNER STRENGTH

A key ingredient to the economic recovery of Louisiana is the staying power of our own healthy business and industry. Though much is said about those facing hard times, there remains a strong foundation of expanding firms with additional growth potential even in the face of oil price fluctuations.

As our native enterprises succeed and begin to influence new markets, the multiplication of jobs and opportunities follows.

The Louisiana Investor-Owned Electric Companies vigorously encourage ambitious home-grown companies. When a company outgrows its facility, our Area and Industrial Specialists are at hand to help find a new home. Our researchers compile confidential data defining site availability, transportation needs and access, local zoning and regulatory considerations, and much more.

Louisiana's Investor-Owned Electric Companies provide experts to design a tailor-made energy package that is supply-certain and cost-conscious and Area Development professionals assist companies throughout the state in such important matters as finance, market research, loan packaging, cost control, and the like.

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BSU barbecue

The Baptist Student Union will have an outdoor barbecue on Saturday, March 28 at 5 p.m. Many activities, such as volleyball, are scheduled. There is no charge and everyone is invited.

The BSU will also hold its Spring Banquet, Friday, April 10 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$6 and will be going on sale soon. For further information, contact any BSU council member.

The Bible study in the Red River Room of the UC continues every Tuesday morning during the break. The study on Tuesday, March 24 will be led by Mickey Parker, and his topic will be "Intimacy." The topic for Tuesday, March 31 is "How to Fight Fair" and will be led by Peggy Salley.

Magic

The Second Annual Chemistry Club Magic Show will be held in the Science Lecture Auditorium on Wed., April 22, at 6 p.m.

The show is open to the public. Admission is \$1.00. Children under seven will be admitted free of charge.

PC users

The IBM-PC Users Group holds public meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Caddo-Bossier Room at LSUS.

For further information contact Claiborne Sharp.

Phi Mu

The Epsilon Xi Chapter of Phi Mu announces its Spring 1987 pledges: Sandy Alexander, Twyla Bourne, Leah Cooper, Tiffany Greer, Genny Lewis, Gina Procell, and Lisa Taylor.

Phi Mu congratulates its new officers for 1987: T.J. Bailey, President; Monica Grill, Vice President; Lisa Bosley, Recording Secretary; Tracy Hockett, Corresponding Secretary; Lisa Tennyson, Treasurer; Bonnie Sanders, Phi Director; Jackie Soloman, Member-at-Large; Trish Farmer, Panhellenic Delegate; and Traci Johnston, Rush Chairman.

Phi Mu also wishes to congratulate its new initiates: Lisa

Bosley, Melissa Clark, Dawn Cohen, Jackie Day, Shauna DeMann, Andrea Ford, Holly Garrett, Karin Gholson, Lea Henbest, Nadean Hutto, Melanie King, Michelle Mooney, Alisa Thomas, and Stephanie Winer.

Disney film

The animated Walt Disney film "Lady and the Tramp" will be shown at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 21 in the University Center Theater.

The film, free and open to the public, is offered as a public service of the university's Student Activities Board.

Conference

Lee Musselman, assistant professor of history, was invited by Gov. Edwin Edwards to participate in a problem-solving conference sponsored by the Elderly Health Care Council.

The conference, held Feb. 17-18 in Baton Rouge, addressed informal care, service elements and definitions, assessment and care management, and quality of care and finance.

Mr. Musselman serves as

chairman of the Caddo Council on Aging.

MAHD

William McCleary of the LSUS Library has edited another edition of the Special Libraries Association MAHD Bulletin.

Among articles in Volume 17, Number 2 are "Northern New Mexico: Laboratory of American Art" by Dr. Charles W. Moore, associate professor of fine arts, and a book review by Anne King, assistant librarian, on "Managing the One-Person Library."

Concert

Ayako Uchiyama, a Japanese theater film-lecturer and kabuki performer, will present two performances March 26 at Louisiana State University in Shreveport.

A dance-drama concert will be held in the University Center Theater at 7:30 p.m. and will feature Japanese kabuki, which combines elaborate costumes, stylized gesture, music and dancing.

An abbreviated performance will be held at 10:30 a.m. on the same day.

Surrogates defended

by DOREEN LAFAUCI
Managing Editor

"The problem is infertility, the prescription is the surrogate program and the price is high," Wally Sanderson told 40-Minute Forum Tuesday.

Sanderson, a 35-year-old freshman public relations major, addressed the forum saying he viewed the surrogate program a viable option for infertile couples, and went on to explain some of the controversy surrounding this "babies for bucks" program.

One out of six couples can not have children and look for other means to obtain them. The obvious route, Sanderson said, would be normal adoption. But because of long waiting periods, many of those couples are now turning to the surrogate program, even though the cost of a surrogate adoption is over double the cost of a normal adoption.

Holy Cross, a local adoption agency, is the only surrogate-licensed agency in the nation. The cost of a surrogate adoption there averages \$10,000 for the surrogate mother's rental of her womb, \$7,500 for the agency and at least \$10,000 for medical ex-

penses, Sanderson said.

Sanderson said some of the problems the surrogate program faces is deciding when motherhood begins, when life begins and who does the baby belong to, but added that the only way to decide such issues is to observe the surrogate program in action.

"We will only know if the surrogate program is viable by observing those born through the program — how they react when faced with the program and knowing they were born of it."

"The surrogate program is not new. Abram and Sarah couldn't have children, but they did. They had to carry on the race and they did. Everything has a purpose."

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Phyllis Graham, director of Alumni Affairs, points to Mindpower goal.

Scholarships

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leaders, including business people in the retail, banking, legal and oil industries.

A phonathon, designed with the intention of acting as follow-up to the mass mailout campaign, has been running for two weeks and will continue next week.

Rimmer said the Alumni Association has received many pledges through the phonathon and said he sees the number of donations will exceed the \$20,000 mark when the phonathon is completed.

Although \$20,000 is only half way to the established \$50,000 goal, it's a good start for a campaign only six weeks old, Rimmer said, adding he felt sure the campaign would be ending by the

end of June.

"We're planning and doing and planning and doing," Rimmer said. "We'll extend the program until we reach our goal or until

December 1, but I see us reaching that point by the end of June."

The Mindpower Scholarship Campaign is to become an annual project for the Alumni Association with the first scholarships

being awarded by next fall.

"It's a low key campaign. This first time we just want to establish a broad base of support to continue the program in the future. We also plan to expand the program next year to coincide with LSUS' 20th anniversary celebration," Mike Woods, co-chairman, said.

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LSUS students Bob Simon, Brian Butler and Paul dePingre visit with mime at Epcot Center's French Pavillion.

Hackman, Herschey shine

by RUSSELL HEDGES
Staff Reporter

With one false step by director David Anspaugh, "Hoosiers" could have turned into oversentimentalized tripe.

Fortunately, Anspaugh never takes that step and turns out a thoroughly entertaining film that's more about redemption than about Indiana high school basketball.

There's Gene Hackman as the basketball coach with a shady past, and Dennis Hopper as the town drunk looking for some respect from his son, a player on the high school team.

Then there's the small Indiana town itself, a microcosm of 1950s small-town America. It's a place where high school basketball is king and every game is an event.

Director Anspaugh gives the town a certain character of its own. He uses stark transitional shots of lonely farmhouses and

snow-covered fields to never let the audience forget the rural nature of the town.

It's not a place for the ambitious, but it is certainly a place one would want to come back to someday. Anspaugh shows this through the Barbara Herschey character, a woman obviously smart enough to have made it in the big city but who came home after college to teach at the high school and ostensibly be with her widowed mother.

Herschey's character also provides the conflict in the film, aside from the basketball games. At first, she is wary of Hackman and tries to keep the star basketball player, who quit the team after the previous coach died, from rejoining the squad, fearing that the player will be exploited

— "treated like a god," in her words — and then forgotten.

Herschey, a simply beautiful woman, is the perfect foil and

partner for Hackman, accepting the coach for what he is without being too judgmental.

Hackman gives an understated performance and makes a character out of what could have been a caricature by showing the coach's human side.

Hopper, in an Oscar-nominated performance, shows both humor and pathos and has the audience with him as he struggles to overcome his drinking problem.

The film is not perfect, though. While the basketball scenes are well-staged and realistic, there are too many of them, and too many of the games are decided in the last few seconds, stretching believability. Also, the relationship between Herschey and Hackman could have been explored more.

"Hoosiers" doesn't break any new ground, but it does do something that very few movies do these days. It entertains.

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A-Train bassist denies breakup

by ANDY SALVAIL
Features Editor

A-Train has made no definitive plans to split up, according to bassist Bruce Flett.

Although UpState columnist Robert Trudeau reported on an imminent "divorce" in the popular locally-based soul band between lead vocalist Miki Honeycutt and the other members, Flett said that A-Train is "still going strong."

"Some changes may be coming, but the reports that we are breaking up are too premature," Flett said. "The article in UpState was a surprise to me."

But some changes have

already taken place. Steve Ramey has taken over on keyboards, replacing David Egan. Other members have expressed a desire to move on; Drummer Paul Griffith (the third member of the Flett's fun project, The Bluebirds) wants to live in Nashville.

Flett said that A-Train will continue to perform through May 2. "After that, no one (in the band) knows exactly what will happen."

A-Train just completed a successful tour of South Louisiana. At Grand Street Dance Hall in Lafayette, a bar that Flett says is

Shreveport's Humphree's, they played to a packed house; many audience members told him that the band was sounding "better than ever before."

Flett and his brother, Buddy (A-Train's guitarist), will continue with their stripped down version of A-Train, The Bluebirds, throughout this spring and into the summer.

"We've even added some Bluebirds originals to A-Train's playlist," Flett said.

A-Train — with Miki Honeycutt — will perform at Humphree's-in-the-Square (now a 'private' club) tonight and Saturday night. The cover charge is \$5.

sports

Brown leads LSU

by DONALD GARRETT
Sports Editor

For the second straight season, LSU coach Dale Brown has taken a team with just average talent into the "Sweet Sixteen" of the NCAA basketball playoffs while many teams with much more talent than the Tigers have fallen by the wayside.

In 1986 Brown's Tigers finished fourth in regular season SEC race and then went to Atlanta and surprised everyone by winning the SEC Tournament championship. The '86 Tigers then shocked the nation by upsetting highly favored Kentucky and Georgia Tech to win the the Southeast Regional and advance to the Final Four in Dallas.

The upset wave stopped at the Final Four, however, as the Tigers lost to the eventual national champion Louisville Cardinals.

LSU lost three starters from its Final Four squad, but things didn't look too dim at the start of this season because the Tigers were getting seven-foot center Slovan Johanovich back from a knee injury that forced him to miss most of the 1985-86 season. Also LSU knew that it would have 6-9 center-forward Nikita Wilson back at midseason if he got his grades in order.

But disaster struck just before the season opener when Johanovich and forward Ricky Blanton were both lost for the season. Blanton went down with a knee injury and the big center suffered a broken jaw in a car accident. With Nikita Wilson already out until midseason, the injuries seriously depleted the Tiger frontcourt and left LSU in a very vulnerable situation.

But Brown, working his own special brand of motivational magic, managed to keep the Tigers in a respectable position by exhorting his team leaders Anthony Wilson, Oliver Brown and Jose Vargas to play above their capabilities until Nikita Wilson's return in January.

But even with the return of the 6-9 post player, LSU still struggled in the tough Southeastern Conference race. By the time the regular season ended, the Tigers found themselves in a sixth place tie with Ole Miss, which meant a very low seeding in the Conference tourney.

Once more, Brown reached into his bag of tricks to motivate his squad when he told his players

that he would not sleep until they had won the tourney title. The Tigers put their coach to the test by defeating Mississippi State, upsetting Florida and Georgia and taking SEC champion Alabama to the limit in the tourney championship game before losing.

For their efforts, the Tigers received an NCAA Tournament bid, something they would not have gotten without their excellent tourney showing.

The Tigers rolled through the first round of the Midwest Regional in Chicago last weekend, beating Georgia Tech and Temple, and they will play DePaul today in the Midwest semi-finals. Much of the credit for LSU's success must go to Brown, but what is his secret?

Brown's secret lies in his belief that a man or group of men can accomplish anything if they believe in themselves and never yield to self-doubt.

It is Brown's unique ability to instill this idea in his players that has made the underdog Tigers so successful this season and last.

Brown is himself an underdog, having risen from a dirt farm in North Dakota to become one of the most successful and respected coaches in all of college basketball. Through personal experiences Brown has practiced what he preaches and his Tiger teams have been extensions of his philosophy.

Take a little bit of Dean Smith, mix that with a dash of Bobby Knight, add a touch of Vince Lombardi and you've got Dale Brown — master motivator.

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Phi Van Halen victorious

by RODNEY MALLETT
Sports Reporter

The Intramural softball tournament was a big success. The returning champions, Phi Van Halen, the runner up, the Maniacs, and the med school champs, Search For Buckwheat, had impressive showings.

In the opening round BSU defeated KA 11-8. Their next opponent was to be the Maniacs who defeated Soph 1, a med-school team, 7-4. The Bruthas and Kappa Sig had a close one with the Bruthas scoring three runs in the last inning to win 13-10. MS 1 forfeited to Phi Delta Theta and Delta Sigma Phi and FAY had a double forfeit in their game.

The second round saw the Maniacs turn it on to beat BSU 22-

HR Derby

The Home Run Derby was a popular event during the festivities surrounding the opening of softball season. 32 participants took their swings in the Contest.

Each contestant was thrown five pitches and officials counted each one that went past the home run marker. Four people hit two out of the park. They were Mark Moore, Phi Van Halen, Bill Hathaway, Soph 1, Rand Metower, Soph 1, Mark Peters, MS 1.

Two players jacked three past the line: Chris Daniels of the Bruthas and Mark Yawn of Phi Van Halen. They went to a hit-off where both received three pitches. Daniels' first hit fell inches away from being a homer. His next pitch sailed way past the line and the third was a hard line drive that didn't have the height to make it.

Yawn waited no time as his first two pitches cruised out of the park. The rest of the Phi Van Halen team celebrated the victory in the parking lot.

13. The Bruthas fell victim to Search for Buckwheat had a tough one as they advanced with a 8-6 win over the Maniacs. In the finals Phi Van Halen got off the high scoring kick and used sharp defense to beat Buckwheat 6-2.

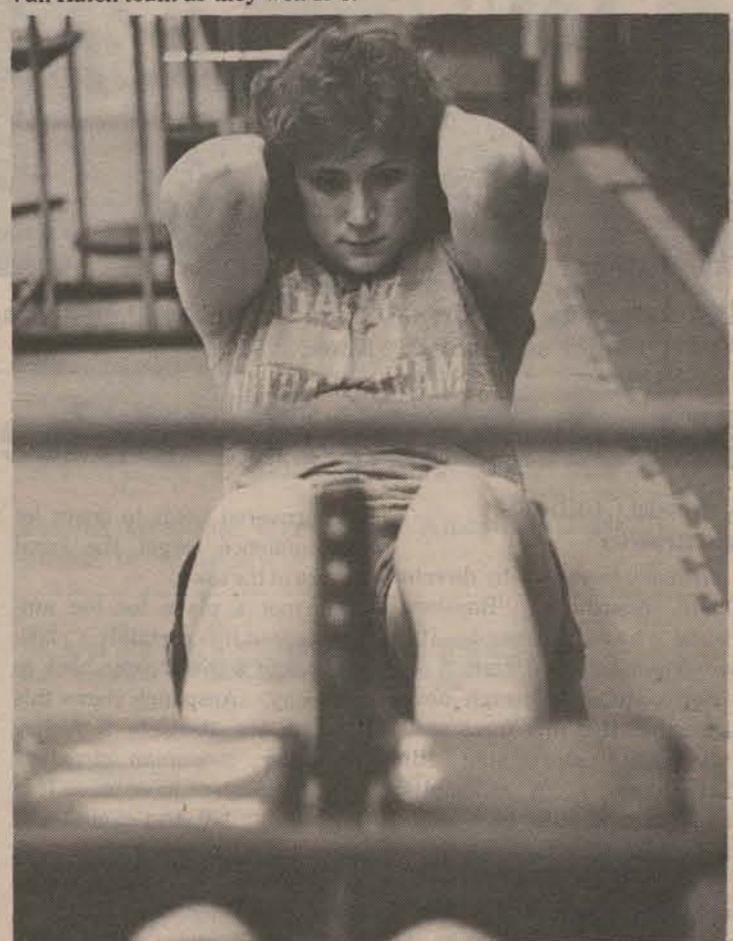


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Junior public relations major Kaye Hatcher does sit ups in HPE building weight room.

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